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opposition to the doctrine. — On this I want  
your opinion. Perhaps nobody who has the  
means would be willing to run the risk of  
a large pamphlet or book. But the story  
will require some "long articles".

A part of what I should like to write,  
would be not only appropriate, but necessary  
in the Anti-Slavery papers — but perhaps not  
the whole.

You are right, I think, in saying that  
they will oppose all Church action, as well  
as Political action. See how they treat  
the Baptist Convention. — I have penned  
a paragraph or two, for my paper, on that  
point.

Please write soon.

Yours truly, Wm. Goodell

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What is Bro. Wright going about?  
Hope we are not to lose his aid in  
the Cause?

I shall find it exceedingly difficult  
to get the time necessary for the proposed  
labor, but must try to make it out,  
Some how.

W. G.



and fearless course would land our so called "non-resistant," in a full denial of all divine punishments. — Do get me a Copy of that sermon (and Ware's too) if you can.

The article I wish to write would be incomplete without the paragraphs to which I have alluded. — It will be important to show that, according to the principles of the N.R. it follows, of necessity, that there should be no penal law in the Universe. — That, in fact, the doctrine has grown up among those whose theological System casts contempt & obloquy upon penal law. — Another thing. Bro. Torrey told me, he was

collecting facts on Antinomian perfectionism & its connexion with the Non-Resistants. — Will your facts include this department of the Subject? If so, another of the moral affinities of the System may be traced in an instructive manner.

I wish we were nearer together, so as to compare notes, as we write. — If I were as well acquainted, as you are, with the facts, it would enlarge if not correct or modify my views of the principles. And if you could see which I might suggest respecting the inevitable operation of certain principles, it might bring fresh to your memory, a number of corroborations tho' seemingly unimportant facts. But these advantages we must supply, by correspondence, as we can. —

Now for the medium of Communication & means of publishing. — Newspaper, book, or pamphlet. — On this you are silent. — I wish to have my subscribers understand the Subject. But my paper is too small. — There may be objections raised to the discussion. Many still think it is not needed (Bro. Green is not among these.) Some parts of the discussion may seem too theological & (in some eyes) sectarian, for an official Anti Slavery paper. — I suppose I could occupy the Union Herald. And it would carry it where it most needed in this State. A year or two ago, I was invited to occupy the Liberator & Non-Resistant, (which would also carry it to a very desirable class of readers,) and I can hardly suppose I should now be excluded, notwithstanding W. Garrison's appeal to the abolitionists of this State to put me down, for printing my



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Dear Bro. Phelps

54 [I agree with you that the principles and  
practices of the so called "Non Resistants" must be ex-  
posed. I am willing to do my part, if Providence per-  
mits, and the division of labor you propose is perhaps,  
very nearly, the best one that could be made.] You will  
not omit due reference to <sup>the</sup> principles illustrated, in your  
developments of facts. And on my part, it will be  
necessary to state & prove facts enough to show that  
they hold the principles I attribute to them. Their printed  
documents, if I can find them, will perhaps furnish me  
with extracts enough to answer this purpose. There is  
another part of the work, which, tho' it belongs to  
the historical part, you have not, perhaps included  
in your plan, & on which I could perhaps, bring out some  
of the links in the Chain of Cause & effect, by which the  
"Anti Civil Government" doctrine has been ushered into being.  
I suppose I could tell Garrison, H.C. Wright some news  
on this Subject. They have breathed an atmosphere, ready pre-  
pared for them, before they came on to the Stage. I allude to  
the manner in which the "Peace Question" has been managed in  
Mass. for 25 years past. All that time, the theologians who  
disbelieve the "Sanguinary Scheme" of the Atonement and of penal  
law, have been "sifting in" their views into the Peace discussion.  
I know the fact, but do not know whether I can command  
the documents to which I should like to refer. — Ware furnis-  
hed an idea or two in point, if I could find it. Channing  
in his Celebrated Baltimore Sermon (at the installation of Sparks, I  
believe) had a paragraph which ought to be Copied, if I  
could find it. He represents the Orthodox doctrine of the Atonement  
as making the Cross of Christ "the great Central gallows of  
the Universe". And then he <sup>goes</sup> ~~went~~ on to speak of the idea of  
God's Vindictive justice as just fit to be ranked with the  
racks and gibbets and prisons and tortures employed in our  
barbarous age. It was as easy to see then (it was seen by  
some) that Consistency, if he should ever dare to arrive at it,  
would oblige him to decry all the penal Sanctions of Civil  
law, as it is now easy to see that the same frank